

St James Parish

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Canonically Erected: July 28, 1993

First Mass: August 1, 1993

Dedication of the Church: Rosary Sunday October 4, 2014

Parish Feast Day: Solemnity of St James the Greater: July 25th

March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent

P A R I S H D I R E C T O R Y

Pastor:	Rev. William Ashley
Secretary:	Teresa Filiatrault
Parish Office Hours:	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8.30 am- 4:00 pm
Sunday Mass:	Saturday Anticipated Mass @ 4:30pm Sunday @ 9am and 11am Latin Mass @ 4:30pm. Church will be open daily from 8:30am to 5:00pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Saturday 9am
Holy Hour	Thursday 7:00pm to 8:00pm with Confessions
Confession:	Monday to Saturday at 8:45am Fridays and Saturdays at 10am
Baptisms, Marriages & Communion to the Sick	Contact the Parish Office

Altar Servers	Fr Ashley
Altar Guild	Janet Griffiths
Civic Affairs Committee	Marc Vella, James Hargrave
El Shaddai	Ghie Javier (604.758.2146)
Filipino Ministry/ Sodality of Mary	Rosalina Cole (778.598.8465)
Finance Committee	Gerard Roddis
First Saturday Rosary	Elizabeth Ocon
Knights of Columbus	Walter Dona (604.852.2589)
Music Ministry	Charles van Aert, Nicholas Roy, Paula DeWit,
Prison Ministry	Bob Buckham (604.852.9311)
Pro-Life Coordinator	Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)
School Building Committee	Rod Griffiths, Blanca Hluskova
Youth Ministry	Elizabeth Ocon,

EDUCATION

St James & St Ann's Elementary School

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Principal: Julia Lee

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Principal: Gianni Bittante

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Children's Catechesis Children of Joseph & Mary Gr 1-7 Catechesis

Tuesdays at 3:00pm
Thursdays at 3:00pm
Mother Cynthia
mothercynthiasjms@gmail.com
250-488-3368



ST JAMES THE GREATER

PROTOMARTYR OF THE APOSTLES

PRAY FOR US !

SANCTE IACOBE MAIOR,

ORA PRO NOBIS !

A warm welcome to St James the Greater Parish!

Say hello to Fr Ashley, our pastor.

Kindly register in the parish so that we may serve you more efficiently. Registration forms are available in the foyer or on the website.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 2 *First Saturday*
 9am ◊ Int: Dr. Jeff Lannon
 4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Maria Santos Franco
First Saturday Rosary Devotion & Potluck 5:30pm

Sunday, March 3 *3rd Sunday of Lent*
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo
 11:00am: ◊ Int: Venkataya family
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: † RIP Craig Bevis

Monday, March 4 *St. Casimir*
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Adrian & Judith Pelletier & Family

Tuesday, March 5
 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Iris Wilson
Rosary Club 3:00

Wednesday, March 6
 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Maureen Abeywickreme

Thursday, March 7 *Sts. Perpetua & Felicity*
 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Concepcion, Jose & Rene Vallespin
Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration 7pm

Friday, March 8 *St. John of God*
 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Luca Oonk
Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm

Saturday, March 9 *St. Frances of Rome*
 9am ◊ Int: Veronica & Scott van Vliet
 4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Jimmy Hayden

Sunday, March 3 *4th Sunday of Lent*
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo
 11:00am: ◊ Int: Thanksgiving-34th Anniversary Arnel & Joy Tapay
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: Sharon Pfenniger

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” -Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART THREE: LIFE IN CHRIST

Section Two: The Ten Commandments

CHAPTER TWO

“YOU SHALL LOVE NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF”

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT:
 YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOUR’S POSSESSIONS

531. What is required and what is forbidden by the tenth commandment ? 2534-2540; 2551-2554

This commandment, which completes the preceding commandment, requires an interior attitude of respect for the property of others and forbids *greed, unbridled covetousness* for the goods of others, and *envy* which is the sadness one experiences at the sight of another’s goods and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself.

532. What does Jesus call for in poverty of spirit ? 2544-2547; 2556

Jesus calls his disciples to prefer him to everything and everyone. Detachment from riches— in the spirit of evangelical poverty— and self-abandonment to divine providence free us from anxiety about the future and prepare us for the blessedness of the “poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (*Matthew 5:3*)

533. What is the greatest human desire ? 2548-2550; 2557

The greatest desire of the human person is to see God. “I want to see God” is the cry of our whole being. We realize our true and full happiness in the vision and beatitude of the One who created us out of love and draws us to himself with infinite love.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Marilyn Cook, Trish Parkin, Norm & Jacqui Jeanotte, Sharon Graham, Una Gaughan, Gerry Lockwood, Roger Loiselle, Henry Abeywickreme, James Hargrave, Joyce Walker

Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 3	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9	Sunday 10
Ex 20: 1-17 Ps 19 1Cor 1: 18-25 Jn 2: 13- 25	2Kgs 5: 1-15 Ps 42 Lk 4: 24-30	Dan 3: 25, 34-43 Ps 25 Mt 18: 21-35	Deut 4: 1-9 Ps 147 Mt 5: 17-19	Jer 7: 23-28 Ps 95 Lk 11: 14-23	Hos 14: 1-9 Ps 81 Mk 12: 28-34	Hos 5: 15-6: 6 Ps 51 Lk18: 9-14	2Chron 36: 14-23 Ps 137 Eph 2: 4-10 Jn 3: 14-21

COME ALL WHO ARE WEARY *A Lenten Adoration Night to bring your burdens to the Lord and get filled up.*

You are invited to an evening of Candle-lit Adoration here at St. James Parish on Saturday, March 23rd from 7 pm - 9 pm. Come, spend some quiet time before the Lord and prepare your heart for Holy Week so you can fully receive Jesus when Easter arrives.

Stay for as little or as long as you like. Throughout the three hours, there will be times of gentle song and times of reverent silence, accompanied by the beautiful ambiance of candle-light. You will also have an opportunity to light a candle and bring it before Jesus.

Event and music will be facilitated by Jean-Paul and Mary-Rie de Fleuriot (faithroom.ca). We invite you to clear your calendar, invite your loved ones and come find rest in the Lord.

EASTER FLOWERS Please help decorate the church for Easter by donating flowers. You can donate a small Lily, large Lily, or flowering plants. Please bring to the church Monday March 25th to morning of Thursday March 28th.

TAKE THE SURVEY: Mental Health and Illness in Canadian Congregations Catholics in the Archdiocese of Vancouver are encouraged to take this 10–15-minute anonymous survey on mental health in Canadian congregations. Click below for more details and to complete the survey: https://www2.rcav.org/e/897551/SE-90-SMHM/3n8qxb/2479464135/h/50oL5o-hVGpdev0Z7T6_7v1OGj5jP1MSGtcnA10Sjba

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST All are welcome to attend the Lenten Parish Mission at Our Lady of Assumption Parish in Port Coquitlam from March 4-6. The mission talks will be led by Fr. Chrysostom Baer, O.Praem., of the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey in California. Each talk will be preceded by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

THE ROLE OF MARY IN SALVATION HISTORY Father Emerich Vogt, OP, will reflect on the role of Mary in salvation history. He will explore what the message of Our Lady of Fatima means for us Catholics today and what it means for the individual Catholic to belong to a Church which on earth is called "The Church Militant." Practically speaking, how does a Catholic fight against demonic evil? Tuesday to Friday, March 19-22, 8:00 a.m. at Sts Peter and Paul Parish in Vancouver. The conference will be preceded by Mass, with time for coffee and crumpets. All are welcome to these Passiontide talks to prepare well for Easter. Learn more via beholdvancouver.org/events.

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST FOR ME AS A MAN IN THE 21ST CENTURY? This transformative event invites participants to explore the identity and impact of Jesus Christ in modern manhood through insightful talks, prayer, and fellowship. Dive into a deep reflection on faith and personal growth in an environment designed for spiritual exploration and discovery. Don't miss this opportunity for profound engagement with your faith alongside like-minded individuals.

The retreat will be led by Father Mark Gazin. All men aged 15+ are welcome! On Saturday, March 16, at Star of the Sea Parish Centre in White Rock. Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.

CENACULO (THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST) Join us this Lent as we gather to watch *The Passion of the Christ*, brought to you by the Philippines Historama Society of BC and the Filipino Catholic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Let's come together in reverence and reflection, exploring the profound journey of Jesus who sacrificed His life for us. Don't miss this opportunity for a shared spiritual encounter during this sacred season!

On Sunday, March 17, 2:00 p.m. at the Michael J. Fox Theatre in Burnaby. Cost is \$20. For tickets and inquiries, please get in touch with Mike at 604-375-2138, or Marilou at 604-828-9856, or Carmelita at 604-551-4883.

Children's News

We would like to thank you for using the small colorful envelopes for your donations towards Mother Cynthia and children's ministry. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

The season for sacrament celebrations is in sight and we ask you to remember these children by name in your Mass prayers. They are part of the Sacrament Enrichment lessons on Thursdays.

Baptism: Annie Deisman

First Holy Communion: Annie Deisman, Aariyana Lal, Anneliese Bowie, Rosalie Grimard, Aishby Griffiths, Evangeline Musseau

Confirmation: Isaiah Lal, Ishiko Tinitigan, Jenna Parido, Levi Dunford

Thank you for being an important part of the children's Faith journey.

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